



# International Judo Federation

## IJF STATUTES

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## STATUTES

### Preamble:

The International Judo Federation is composed of National Judo Federations and Continental Unions.

Only federations recognized by the IJF may be recognized by their National Olympic Committee and their ministry.

The major development of judo worldwide made it necessary to create Continental Unions. These Unions are in charge of implementing the policy of the International Judo Federation and the International Olympic Committee.

Judo was created in 1882 by Professor Jigoro Kano. As an educational method derived from the martial arts, judo became an official Olympic sport in 1964 (after being named as a demonstration sport at the 1940 Tokyo Olympic Games which were cancelled due to international conflict). Judo is a highly codified sport in which the mind controls the expression of the body and is a sport which contributes to educating individuals.

Beyond competitions and combat, judo involves technical research, practice of katas, self-defense work, physical preparation and sharpening of spirit.

As a discipline derived from ancestral traditions, judo was designed by its Master Founder as an eminently modern and progressive activity.

In accordance with the decision of the Congress dated August 23, 2009, the International Judo Federation was a non-profit association under Swiss law with its registered office in Lausanne.

Following a decision of the Executive Committee dated January 17, 2019, the International Judo Federation has transferred its registered office in Budapest, Hungary.

### Article 1 - Definitions

#### 1.1 Statutes

The "Statutes" shall mean all provisions contained in this document, which have been duly approved, together with any addendums and/or appendices which may complete, amend or substitute for this document. The Preamble constitutes an integral part hereof. These Statutes replace the previous statutes.

#### 1.2 IJF

The International Judo Federation (hereinafter referred to as the "IJF"), is a non for-profit Association founded for an unlimited period of time and governed by Hungarian law and the present Statutes. The IJF, by its associative status acts in an independent manner in accordance with the principle of autonomy.

Its registered office is under address H-1051 Budapest, József Attila utca 1., Hungary.

The IJF, a member of the Olympic Movement, considers adherence to fundamental, universal ethical principles to be the foundation of sport, of judo, and of Olympism.

These principles include:

1.2.1 Respect for the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding and a spirit of friendship, solidarity, and fair play;

1.2.2 Respect for the principle of universality and political neutrality of the IJF and of the Olympic Movement;

1.2.3 Maintenance of harmonious relations with government authorities while respecting the principle of autonomy as defined in the Olympic Charter;

1.2.4 Respect for international agreements for the protection of human rights as they apply to the activities of the IJF and its members and which ensure, in particular:



- protecting the dignity of people;
- rejection of all forms of discrimination, no matter the reason, in particular related to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, wealth, birth, or any other situation;
- rejection of all forms of physical, professional, or sexual harassment and abuse, and of all practices that are detrimental to the physical or mental integrity of a person.

1.2.5 Maintaining conditions for the safety and well-being of participants and for medical care to maintain their physical and mental well-being.

### **1.3 National Federation**

The term "National Federation" shall refer to a Member of the IJF.

Each National Federation is a member of one of the Continental Unions of Judo.

Each National Federation becomes a member of the IJF or loses such membership per decision of the EC.

The liability of National Federations as members of the IJF is limited.

All National Federations undertake to contribute to the assets of the IJF.

In the event the company is wound up, all National Federations which are members at that time and for one (1) year afterwards, agree to pay the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they cease to be members, as well as the costs, charges and expenses of winding up. For the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required must not exceed ten Euros (10 €).

### **1.4 Continental Union**

The term "Continental Union" shall refer to the Union of National Federations of a single continent which are Members of the IJF.

Membership shall be granted to and withdrawn from each Continental Union per Decision of the EC.

The decisions of the EC to recognize a structure as a Continental Union or to withdraw from a structure its capacity of Continental Union must be made based on the capability of this structure to ensure the function of a Continental Union in the interest of the sport of judo.

The main criteria used to assess the capability of the structure to act in the interest of judo shall be the number of judokas in the National Federations which are members of the structure claiming to have the capacity of Continental Union.

Each Continental Union is made up of National Federations in the relevant continent, except in the case of exceptional derogations authorized by the EC.

Continental Unions are in charge of implementing the policies of the IJF and the IOC.



The Continental Unions must apply and ensure the application by their member Federations of the statutes, regulations, contracts and directives proposed by the IJF. However, if local obligations so require, the Union may request a derogation from the IJF EC for one of its members or for itself.

The liability of Continental Unions as members is limited.

All Continental Unions undertake to contribute to the assets of the IJF.

In the event the company is wound up, all Continental Unions which are members at that time and for one (1) year afterwards, agree to pay the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they cease to be members, as well as the costs, charges and expenses of winding up. For the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required must not exceed ten Euros (10 €).

## **1.5 Country**

A "Country" shall mean an independent State recognized by the international community and which has a flag and a national anthem.

## **1.6 President**

The term "President" shall mean the President of the IJF.

## **1.7 Vice President**

The term "Vice President" shall mean one of the Vice Presidents of the IJF.

## **1.8 Director**

The term "Director" shall mean one of the Directors of the IJF.

## **1.9 General Treasurer**

The term "General Treasurer" shall mean the General Treasurer of the IJF.

## **1.10 Bureau**

The term "Bureau" shall mean the Bureau of the IJF.

## **1.11 General Secretary**

The term "General Secretary" shall mean the General Secretary of the IJF.

## **1.12 Disciplinary Commission of the first instance**

The "Disciplinary Commission of the first instance" shall mean the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance of the IJF.

## **1.13 Disciplinary Appeal Commission**

The "Disciplinary Appeal Commission" shall mean the Disciplinary Appeal Commission of the IJF.

## **1.14 Ethics**

The IJF established a Code of Ethics applicable to all the IJF members and their affiliates.



## **1.15 EC**

The "EC" shall mean the Executive Committee of the IJF.

## **1.16 Congress**

The "Congress" shall mean the Congress of the IJF held either on an ordinary or an extraordinary basis.

## **1.17 General Headquarters**

The "General Headquarters" shall refer to the administrative headquarters of the IJF, where the administrative tasks of the IJF are performed, the location of which shall be decided by the President of the EC.

## **1.18 Head Office**

The "Head Office" shall refer to the registered head office of the IJF, the location of which shall be decided by the EC.

## **Article 2 – Aims**

The IJF has the following aims, without this constituting an exhaustive list:

- to promote cordial and friendly relations between its members, to uphold proper operating procedures of the member Federations and Unions to lead and organize judo activities throughout the world.
- to protect the interests of judo throughout the world.
- to organize IJF events, to supervise events organized by its members and to participate in the organization of Olympic events.
- to develop the practice of judo throughout the world for all categories of the population.
- to establish rules for practicing judo and the rules applicable to International competitions organized or recognized by the IJF.
- to improve the quality of judo training and the safety of its practice.
- to supervise the awarding of grades, including "dan" ranks, and their compliance with IJF rules.
- to promote the ideals and objectives behind the Olympic movement.

## **Article 3 - Structure**

### **3.1 Composition of the IJF**

The IJF is composed of the Member National Federations and the Continental Unions.

### **3.2 Statutes of Members**

The Statutes and Regulations of Member National Federations must be in compliance with the IJF Statutes and all other Regulations and Decisions of the IJF, as well as with the principles of the Olympic Charter.

In a case where an official document is written in several languages, the language which prevails should be specified.



The election of the members of the Executive Committee must comply with the same conditions.

The Statutes and Regulations of the Continental Unions must be in compliance with the IJF Statutes, the By-laws and recommendations decided by the EC.

The EC must be informed of the dates and places of congresses held by the Continental Unions one-hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the date such congresses are held.

In the event of an objection to the date and/or places of these congresses expressed by at least 1/3 of the member countries of a Continental Union by way of registered letter sent to the General Secretariat of the IJF within 45 days of the date on which the notice to attend a Congress was sent, the Bureau of the IJF shall be responsible for arbitrating the objection and informing the Continental Union concerned of its decision for the purposes of having that decision applied.

In the event that a dispute or dysfunction is brought to the attention of the IJF President or another subject, which is detracting from the correct functioning of an IJF member structure, an IJF representative appointed by the IJF President can lead investigations which will be exposed to the IJF EC. The EC will be able to take any measure necessary for an appropriate functioning. The parties undertake to respect the IJF EC directives.

### **3.3 Auditing of the use of funds**

Any Continental Union or National Federation which receives IJF funds may be audited by the IJF as regards the use of these funds. For this purpose, their accounts shall be sent to the General Treasurer each year and must be available at all times to the auditors appointed by the IJF.

### **3.4 Remittal of Awards**

All Continental Unions and National Federations which organize a competition for which prize money or an award will be given, must file a declaration with the IJF regarding the origin of the funds allowing such prize money or award to be remitted and must further accept to allow the IJF to verify the truthfulness of such declaration.

### **3.5 Communication of Information**

The Continental Unions shall communicate to the IJF: the agenda and the minutes of their ordinary and extraordinary congresses.

The Continental Unions shall submit an annual report on all activities and the development of Judo on their continents to the IJF. This report must indicate the number of judokas and clubs per federation, the number of black belts and an opinion on the media coverage of judo.

## **Article 4 - Membership**

### **4.1 Application for membership**

Only one Federation per Country may become a member of the IJF.



In accordance with the IOC rules, National Olympic Committees can recognize as members of their NOC only the federations recognized by the International Olympic Federations for the disciplines for which they are responsible.

## **4.2 Procedure**

Any National Federation which would like to join the IJF must apply for membership in writing to the IJF General Secretariat.

The statutes of the National Federation must mandatorily be attached to the membership application and must absolutely provide that this National Federation agrees to comply with the Statutes and all regulations and decisions of the IJF.

An opinion from the Continental Union to which this Federation belongs, giving reasons for its opinion, must also be sent in with the membership application.

## **4.3 A Defence of Federations**

The IJF is dedicated to defending Member Federations from all attacks against democratic processes they may suffer in the area of elections held by Member Federations and their participation in competitions.

## **4.3 B Defence of Federations**

IJF National Member Federations may only be composed of associations (clubs), or associative, private, social, school or state structures exclusively engaged in judo activities, unless otherwise provided by the mandatory rules applicable to the National member Federation.

These particular cases will be dealt with by the IJF Executive Committee.

Transitional provision: National Federations have a maximum of 2 years to comply with this provision.

Member Federations may not be affiliated to another International Federation.

The policy, administration and management of IJF can only be decided by its internal bodies (Board, Executive Committee, Congress) provided for in this Statutes approved by its member Federations.

## **4.4 Associated members**

At Continental Union's request, territories which do not correspond to the definition of a Country (*1.5 Country A "Country" shall mean an independent State recognized by the international community and which has a flag and a national anthem.*) can be appointed associated members of the International Judo Federation and, if permitted in the Continental Unions Statutes, have the full - fledged status of a Union member and take part in all the sport events and the democratic life of the Union.

To present this candidacy to the IJF EC, the Continental Union should have the written approval of the country on which the territory depends. If the territory is situated on another continent, a possible refusal must compulsorily be accompanied by the motivations which have led to this refusal.



For this candidacy to be accepted, the concerned territory should meet the other conditions apart from national sovereignty, as defined for the other members of the IJF. (Article 1.5).

Associated members will be able to attend, without voting power, the IJF congresses.

They will be able to participate in the IJF official competitions only with the approval of the National federation and only if the participation quota is not filled by the National federation.

The points scored on the ranking list on this occasion will be attributed to the member federation and to the National Olympic Committee they depend on for the Olympic selections.

Each Continental Union that has co-opted associated members has to inform the IJF Secretariat by filling in the IJF appropriate identification sheet.

## **Article 5 - Participation in Competitions and Medical Codes**

### **5.1 Athletes' participation**

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games, World Championships, Continental Championships, International Competitions and Competitions held under the supervision of or recognized by the IJF, a judoka must comply with the rules of the IJF and the IOC. In particular, they must adhere to the IJF code of ethics and anti-doping regulations, regulations to prevent the manipulation of competitions, and regulations regarding sports betting.

### **5.2 Antidoping**

The IJF shall comply with the Olympic Movement Medical Code and the World Anti-Doping Code (rules attached hereto as an appendix).

### **5.3 Prevention of manipulation of competitions**

Participants in international competitions and organized competitions under the control of or recognized by the IJF must not, in any way whatsoever, manipulate the proceedings or results of all or part of a competition in a way that runs contrary to sports ethics, infringe on the principle of fair play, or act in a non-sporting manner.

## **Article 6 - Official Languages**

### **6.1 Official Languages**

The official languages of the IJF are English, French and Spanish. All official documents of the IJF must be published in these three (3) Languages. Congresses, meetings and sessions must be held in these three (3) Languages. All correspondence sent by Member Federations to the IJF must be written in one of the Official Languages. In the event of a discrepancy in interpretation between the three (3) Languages, the original language in which the document was written shall prevail.

### **6.2 Simultaneous Interpretation**

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian must be made available at all Congresses.





## Article 7 - Bodies of the IJF. Signing authority.

### 7.1 Bodies of the IJF

Bodies of the IJF are:

- the Congress, supreme body of the Association. The Ordinary Congress is held every two years and is governed by Articles 8 and 10 hereafter. Powers of the Congress are listed at article 8.3. The Extraordinary Congress is governed by Articles 9 and 10 of the Statutes.

- the Executive Committee ("EC"), governed by Article 11 of the Statutes and whose powers are listed at article 11.1.

- the Bureau, governed by Article 12 of the Statutes and whose powers are listed at article 12.1.

- the Statutory Auditor, when required by law.

### 7.2 Signing authority

The joint dual signature of the President and the General Treasurer is required for the IJF to be bound.

The EC may designate other persons, whose joint dual signature is binding upon the IJF.

## Article 8 - The Ordinary Congress

### 8.1 Meetings

The Congress shall be held every two (2) years in the pre-Olympic and post-Olympic years at a place designated by the EC.

The Congress must be held at the same time as another IJF event in the same city. When choosing the place where the Congress will be held, an equitable rotation amongst the different Continental Unions shall be taken into account.

### 8.2 Additional Congress Meetings

Additional Congress Meetings may be held, however, if the EC deems it necessary.

### 8.3 Powers

The Congress shall have the power to:

- a) define, orient and control the general policies of the IJF.
- b) approve the Minutes of the preceding Congress.
- c) approve the reports of the President which shall be valid as the EC Report, as well as the reports of the General Secretary and the General Treasurer.
- d) approve, amend or reject the accounts of the previous accounting period and the budget for the accounting period to come.
- e) hear the reports of the Vice Presidents and the Directors.



- f) elect every four (4) years the members of the EC for a four (4) year term of office, with the exception of the IJF Vice Presidents who shall automatically assume this office in their capacity of Presidents of their Continental Unions.
- g) ratify the appointment by the President of one (1) to five (5) additional members to the EC.
- h) ratify expulsions decided by the EC of one of the EC members.
- i) decide on the expulsion of an EC member if requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the National Federations of three (3) different Continental Unions.
- j) approve the Statutes.
- k) decide on sporting and technical issues and issues related to refereeing, judo training, development and promotion.
- l) decide on disputes relating to a National Federation's capacity to be a member of the IJF or to the power of a representative of a National Federation.
- m) decide in the last resort on all issues relating to the aims of the IJF.
- n) decide on all proposals submitted by Member National Federations, Continental Unions and the EC.
- o) decide on any other issues set down on the agenda.

## **8.4 Proposals of Member Federations and Continental Unions**

At least one-hundred and eighty (180) clear days prior to the Congress, the General Secretary must invite the Member Unions and the National Federations to submit points they would like to include on the agenda. These proposals must be sent in at least one-hundred and fifty (150) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

## **8.5 Agenda and Convening of the Congress**

The Congress may consider only those items which are included on the Agenda. The Agenda shall be decided on by the EC between ninety (90) and one-hundred and fifty (150) clear days prior to the Congress. The Agenda must naturally include all issues within the Congress' powers.

At least ninety (90) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress, the General Secretary will send to the Member National Federations, Continental Unions and the EC Members, notice to attend the Congress, signed by the President or by the General Secretary, together with the Agenda drawn up by the EC and the reports of the President, the Vice Presidents, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer and the Directors.

Notices of the Congress shall be sent to the members via email, and a return receipt requested<sup>1</sup>. In the event that the acknowledgment of receipt is not received by the IJF General Secretary, a registered letter will be sent

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<sup>1</sup> Each Federation must compulsorily send to the IJF secretariat an official electronic address.



after a 10-day period, with a return receipt requested. The date the email with return receipt request is sent shall be the sole date used as proof that notice was validly given within the required time limit.

## **8.6 Urgent matters**

The EC shall decide on the order in which the items on the Agenda will be discussed.

Matters which the EC considers urgent and which have arisen too late for inclusion on the agenda may be brought before a Congress.

When a decision falling within the purview of the Congress must be made while the Congress cannot be gathered, it is possible to consult the delegates to the Congress via mail or electronic means. Decisions made via written consultation (postal or electronic) have the same value as those made during a meeting of the IJF Congress.

## **8.7 Representation of Member National Federations**

Each Member National Federation may be represented at the Congress by two (2) delegates of the same nationality as that Federation who must mandatorily be chosen from among the members of their own Executive Committees, on the condition they were democratically elected by the clubs.

They must be registered on the attendance sheet. Only one of them shall have the right to vote, as each Member National Federation shall have a single vote.

## **8.8 Credentials**

Each delegate of a Member National Federation must be in possession of credentials in the form of a power of attorney signed by the President of their National Federation unless the delegate is the President himself.

Delegates of Member National Federations must be citizens of the country of the Federation they represent.

## **8.9 Representation of Continental Unions**

Each Continental Union may be represented at the Congress by its President or by a member of its Executive Committee who is appointed by its President. The Continental Unions do not have the right to vote at Congresses.

## **8.10 Interpreting assistance**

Any member National Federation or Continental Union whose language is not one of the official languages being used may also have their own interpreter in attendance.

## **8.11 Observers**

Observers may be invited to the Congress by the EC in a consultancy role.

## **8.12 Voting Right Credentials Commission**

The verification of valid membership of National Federations and of the credentials held by the representatives of National Federations with valid membership in the IJF shall be carried out the day prior to the Congress by the Voting Right Credentials Commission. This Commission shall be composed of three (3) to five (5) members



appointed for this purpose by the EC and assisted by the legal advisor or attorney of the IJF. In the event of a dispute, the Voting Right Credentials Commission shall hear the claims of the parties, draw up a summary of these claims and submit the dispute to the Congress held the following day so that the Congress may settle such dispute by way of a vote before any other business is dealt with.

### **8.13 Chairmanship of the Congress**

The Congress shall be chaired by the President of the IJF or if absent, by a Member of the EC appointed by the President. However, if a member of the EC is also a member of the IOC, that member shall replace the President.

### **8.14 Chairmanship Pro-Tem**

During the election of the President or a non-confidence vote against the President, the President will surrender his/her seat to a member of the EC appointed by the EC as a Chairperson Pro-Tem to conduct the said election or no-confidence vote.

In the case of elections for President, the newly elected President will immediately take over the chair after the election.

If a non-confidence vote against the President is ratified, the `Chairperson Pro-Tem` will chair the Congress until it is closed. However, if the non-confidence vote is defeated, the President will resume the chair and will chair the Congress until it is closed.

### **8.15 Quorum**

The Chairperson of the Congress may only declare the official opening of the Congress when at least one-third (1/3) of the Member National Federations are present, and when at least three (3) different Continental Union representatives are present.

If the quorum to open the Congress is not met, another Congress must be convened and must be held within a maximum period of one-hundred and twenty (120) clear days with no condition related to quorum. The agenda will be identical to that of the first Congress, as well as the conditions for giving notice of the meeting.

### **8.16 Proxies**

Voting by proxy is not allowed.

### **8.17 Voting rights**

The Members of the EC do not have voting rights at Congress. Any person who is elected or appointed as a Member of the EC shall automatically surrender their right to vote at Congress forthwith. This person shall be replaced by the second delegate from his/her Federation if such other delegate registered and signed the attendance sheet at the beginning of the Congress.

### **8.18 Decisions**

The Congress shall decide by a relative majority of the votes cast unless otherwise defined in the Statutes. Abstentions and invalid ballots shall not be counted.



For questions of particular importance or sensitive issues or whenever one-third (1/3) of the Member National Federations present at the Congress so demand, voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.

## **8.19 Voting procedures**

Voting for elections must be conducted by secret ballot unless there is only one (1) candidate for the offices of President, General Secretary and General Treasurer. If there is only one (1) candidate for one of these offices, that person may be elected by a show of hands, unless one third (1/3) of the Member National Federations present at the Congress request that a vote by way of secret ballot take place.

Voting in elections for the offices of President, General Secretary and General Treasurer shall be carried out by successive elimination of candidates receiving the least number of votes until only one (1) candidate remains or until one (1) candidate obtains more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast.

Voting by secret ballot may be done via electronic voting. In any case, the necessary materials for voting on paper (e.g. ballots, voting booths) must be provided for, in particular in case of a technical failure.

## **8.20 Voting Board and Presentation of Candidates**

### **8.20.1 Scrutineers and Voting Steward**

The Congress shall organize a voting board by electing Scrutineers and a Voting Steward, chosen from among those delegates of Member Federations who are not presenting any candidates for office.

They shall be in charge of all matters in connection with voting.

The EC shall suggest the number of scrutineers to be elected.

### **8.20.2 Presentation of Candidates**

If an election is being held, each candidate for the office of President will be allowed a maximum of seven (7) minutes in which to present their candidacy, their manifesto, and their list of running mates.

Each of the other candidates for General Secretary and General Treasurer will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to give a presentation.

If there is more than one candidate per office, the speaking order shall be determined by way of alphabetical order based on the candidates' surnames.

## **8.21 Voting procedure**

The voting procedure shall be determined by the EC, which shall send information on such procedure together with the agenda for the Congress.

## **8.22 Counting of votes**

Once the voting procedure has been completed, the Chairman of the Congress shall announce that the vote is closed and shall ask the Voting Steward to start counting the votes cast.

The Voting Steward, with the assistance of the scrutineers shall proceed with counting the votes.



## **8.23 Challenge of elections**

In the event the validity of an election is challenged, the President shall be immediately notified thereof, before the closing of the Congress, and shall submit the case to the EC. If the EC takes the challenge into consideration, it must be reported to the Congress where a re-examination, re-election, re-vote or any other action as deemed necessary by the EC shall occur. Only IJF Member Federations present at the Congress may challenge the election.

## **8.24 Voting rounds**

In the event of an equal vote during an election by way of secret ballot, a second and final round of votes shall be conducted.

In the event that the second and final vote also results in a tie, the election result shall be determined by the drawing of lots conducted by the Chairperson.

For all other elections, when an equal number of votes is cast, the status quo shall be maintained.

## **8.25 Key Point Information**

The General Secretary shall provide a statement of the key points regarding decisions passed at the Congress immediately upon the completion of Congress. This statement shall be distributed by the Presidents of the Continental Unions to their Member National Federations upon its approval by the EC.

## **8.26 Minutes**

Each EC Member shall receive a copy of the draft Minutes of the Congress within ninety (90) days after the Congress is held.

The EC shall approve the draft Minutes at the first EC Meeting held after the said ninety (90) day period.

The approved Minutes shall be given to each Continental Union President and sent to the Member National Federations by the IJF Secretariat.

## **8.27 Surveillance of conduct**

The Chairperson of the Congress shall have the right to take all measures to stop any disruptive conduct obstructing the efficient administration of the Congress.

## **Article 9 - Extraordinary Congress**

### **9.1 Convening of an Extraordinary Congress**

An Extraordinary Congress must be convened by the President or the General Secretary at a location chosen by the EC if at least one third (1/3) of the Member National Federations, this one third (1/3) being comprised of Federations from at least three (3) different Continental Unions, so requests, or if the EC considers it necessary.

### **9.2 Procedure**

In this case, the Extraordinary Congress must be held within ninety (90) clear days of the date on which:



- either the request containing the reasons for the meeting has been sent via registered mail by one third (1/3) of the Member National Federations representing at least three (3) different Continental Unions,
- or the EC has decided to convene the Extraordinary Congress.

### **9.3 Agenda**

The Agenda for the meeting must indicate the reasons for the Extraordinary Congress and shall constitute the sole items on the agenda. Only those items on the agenda shall be discussed.

### **9.4 Decisions**

The discussions and decisions passed at an Extraordinary Congress shall have equal validity as those passed at an Ordinary Congress.

The discussions and decisions passed at an Extraordinary Congress must meet the same conditions as those required for an Ordinary Congress.

## **Article 10 - Provisions common to discussions and decisions at Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses**

### **10.1 Challenge**

Decisions passed at an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress may not be annulled if, in spite of the existence of one or several voting irregularities, the vote held on such Decisions would have passed in any event.

### **10.2 Internal appeal procedure**

The Continental Unions and the National Federations, as well as all legal entities or private individuals directly or indirectly connected to them shall have no right to take legal action against the IJF on the basis of discussions or decisions passed by the Congress without having first submitted their complaint to IJF Executive Committee.

## **Article 11 - Executive Committee**

### **11.1 Powers**

The EC shall determine the orientation for IJF activities and shall ensure implementation thereof within the limits of the aims of the IJF and subject to the powers expressly attributed to the Congress under these Statutes.

- The EC shall handle all issues related to the proper operation of the IJF and shall settle business it is involved in by way of decisions.
- The EC shall carry out all audits and verifications it deems necessary.
- The EC shall validate urgent decisions under its authority made by the President or the Bureau.
- The EC has the power to decide on all issues that have not been placed under the authority of another IJF governing body pursuant to these Statutes.
- The EC shall decide on the admission and expulsion of members.



## **11.2 Composition**

The EC is composed of the following Members:

- the President, who composes a list of fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) Members, who are authorized by their National Federations to be on the list, who will be elected at the same time he/she is by the Congress by way of voting list every four (4) years for a four (4) year term of office, both genders (male and female) must have at least 25% representation on the list of the President.
- the General Secretary elected by the Congress every four (4) years,
- the General Treasurer elected by the Congress every four (4) years,
- five (5) Vice Presidents, who shall be the Presidents of each of the five (5) Continental Unions, who are automatically Members by right.
- The head of the Athletes commission elected by his/her peers in compliance with the regulation of this commission.

If the President feels that the tasks to be accomplished by the EC require the addition of a maximum of five (5) additional members, the President may appoint from one (1) to five (5) additional members after the elections who shall have voting rights at EC Meetings but whose appointment shall be subject to ratification at the Congress.

## **11.3 Presidency**

The EC shall be chaired by the President. In the event the President cannot be present at a Meeting of the EC, the President shall appoint another member of the EC to replace him.

If a member of the EC is also a member of the IOC, that member shall take on this duty.

## **11.4 Filing of candidacies**

Candidacies in single names of candidates for the offices of President, General Secretary and General Treasurer must be received by the General Secretariat at least one-hundred and twenty (120) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

The list of EC Members on the candidates' lists who are running for the office of President must be received by the General Secretariat at least ninety (90) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

The General Secretary shall send the names of the candidates and the lists of the persons nominated as Members of the EC by the candidates for the office of President with the notice and documents for the Congress at least sixty (60) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

Nomination of candidates from the floor will not be accepted at a Congress.





Individual candidacies and the candidates presented on the lists of the candidates for the office of President must be duly signed by the President of the National Federation the candidate is a member of. All candidates must also be citizens of the countries of the Federation presenting their candidacies.

Any EC Members running for re-election do not need the confirmation of their National Federation.

## **11.5 Term of Office**

The Members elected to the EC shall remain in office until the Ordinary Congress convened in the fourth year of their term.

Elections for President and the President's list composed of fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) members must take place at the time of the Congress held the year after the Olympic Games.

Elections for the offices of General Secretary and General Treasurer must take place at time of the Congress held the year before the Olympic Games.

## **11.6 Plurality of offices and incompatibilities**

A person may not be a candidate for the presidency of the IJF, of a Continental Union of the IJF or of a member federation affiliated with the IJF:

If they exercise or have exercised in the past two (2) Olympiads on the day of their candidacy the managing role of a sports federation, of a decentralized body or of a club of a discipline other than judo that might be considered a competing sport, in terms of political or technical representation;

In regards to Member National Federations, the International Judo Federation, via its Executive Committee, may examine particular cases and grant exemptions if the conflict of interest is not demonstrated.

Vice Presidents - who are the Presidents of the Continental Unions - cannot hold more than one office on the IJF EC at the same time.

No Member National Federation shall have more than two (2) members on the IJF EC.

No Member National Federation may present more than two (2) candidates for the IJF EC.

The candidates cannot be first degree relatives and spouses.

No candidate may be over eighty (80) years old on the date of the election.

## **11.7 Vacant seats**

If because of death, resignation, a long-term impediment, impeachment or any other reason, a seat of a Member elected by the Congress to the EC becomes vacant, the EC may appoint an interim Member to serve until the next Congress, when the Congress will elect a candidate to fill the vacant seat for the term of office remaining initially.



## **11.8 EC Meetings**

As a general rule, the EC shall meet at least once per year and particularly during the days preceding a Congress. In order to limit travel within the framework of the sustainable development policy of the IJF, the EC shall also be consulted at least three (3) times per year according to the modalities set forth in Article 11.10 of these Statutes. A meeting of the EC may, however, be convened by the President each time the President deems it necessary or at the request of a majority of the members of the EC. If a Vice President cannot attend an EC Meeting, he/she must either appoint another EC member from his/her Continental Union as a substitute or give a proxy to another IJF EC member.

If any other elected member of the EC (with the exception of the Vice Presidents) cannot attend the EC meeting for a valid reason, this member may give a proxy to another IJF EC member, but cannot send someone as a substitute unless this person is a member of the EC.

## **11.9 Agenda**

An agenda must be established for each meeting. The EC members shall submit to the General Secretary the items they wish to have included on the agenda thirty (30) clear days prior to the date scheduled for the meeting. The General Secretary shall prepare the agenda, inform the President and then circulate the notice of the meeting, together with the agenda and the necessary working documents fifteen (15) clear days prior to the meeting. If an urgent matter arises, it may be added to the agenda and discussed in the EC Meeting pursuant to a decision of the EC.

## **11.10 Written consultation**

At least three (3) times per year and when, for any reason whatsoever, an ordinary EC meeting cannot take place, the required decisions may be passed by way of a vote in writing, notably via electronic means. Decisions passed by way of written consultation shall have the same validity as decisions passed at ordinary EC meetings.

## **11.11 Decisions**

Decisions shall be passed by the EC by way of simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the President or the EC Member the President appointed as a substitute, shall have a casting vote.

The EC Member who substitutes for the President shall have the right to cast his/her own vote, in addition to the vote of the President.

The EC Members cannot take part in a vote in case if they have a direct or indirect interest in the treated subject.

## **11.12 Quorum**

In order for decisions to be validly passed, the meeting of the EC must have been properly convened and at least one-half (1/2) of its members must be present or represented and the Meeting must be chaired by the President or by the EC Member chosen by the President as a substitute.



## **11.13 Commissions**

The EC may be assisted by Standing Commissions or Commissioners to work on the following topics, such as but not limited to:

- Refereeing
- Training
- Medical
- Fight against doping
- Sports
- Media
- Discipline
- Development
- Women's Judo
- Athletes
- Marketing
- Business management
- Finance
- Ranking systems
- Social issues
- Veterans
- "Judo for peace"
- Ethics committee (see article 32.2)

## **11.14 Organization of Commission Work**

The composition and the responsibilities of the Standing Commissions, as well as the responsibilities of Commissioners and Directors shall be determined by the EC.

## **11.15 Accountability**

All the Members of the EC are accountable to the EC and the Congress.

## **11.16 Key Point Information**

The General Secretary shall provide a statement of the key points regarding decisions made at EC Meetings before the Members leave the Meeting.

## **11.17 Impeachment**

If an EC Member commits gross negligence or is repeatedly absent at EC Meetings, the EC may impeach that Member by way of a non-confidence vote passed by the majority of two-thirds (2/3) of its Members. Impeachment will be applicable immediately. The EC shall appoint an interim Member to replace the impeached member by way of a simple majority vote. The EC shall put the ratification of the decision to impeach the EC Member on the agenda for the next Congress.



The EC shall also put the impeachment of an EC Member on the agenda of the next Congress at the request of one-third (1/3) of the National Federations from three (3) different Continental Unions.

If the non-confidence vote is passed by the Congress, the said EC member will immediately be impeached from his/her seat on the EC and the EC shall appoint an interim Member to replace the impeached member.

## Article 12 - Bureau

### **12.1 Powers**

The Bureau shall administer the IJF and shall apply or have applied by others the decisions of the EC. The EC shall thus ensure management of the IJF to this extent and shall report at least once a year to the EC.

### **12.2 Composition**

The Bureau shall be composed of the President, the General Secretary, and the General Treasurer. The Bureau may invite or consult any competent person of their choice according to the matter at hand.

## Article 13 - President

### **13.1 Powers**

The President shall direct the IJF and represent the IJF towards third parties.

The President must comply with the IJF Statutes and the Rules and Decisions of IJF governing bodies.

The President shall chair Congresses, EC Meetings and Bureau Meetings.

Unless decided otherwise by the EC, the EC shall entrust the President each year with the power to make all decisions regarding human resources management. The President's power, unless withdrawn by the EC, shall be tacitly renewed each year.

The President has the power to decide on all urgent questions under the authority of the EC.

The EC must be notified of any decisions made on this basis at its next Meeting and validate such decisions.

The President shall be free to organize the secretariat of the IJF General Headquarters as he/she sees fit.

### **13.2 Vacant seat**

In the event the President is prevented from holding office during his/her term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, the Presidency shall be assumed by an EC Member to be appointed by the EC.

The interim President shall serve until the next Congress when a new President will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office.

If a member of the EC is also a member of the IOC, that member shall serve as interim President.



## Article 14 - Vice Presidents

### **14.1 Composition**

The Vice Presidents shall be the Presidents of the Continental Unions who are elected by the Congresses of their respective Continental Unions.

### **14.2 Powers**

The Vice Presidents shall represent the Member Federations of their Continental Unions within the IJF and represent the IJF in their respective Continental Unions.

## Article 15 - General Secretary

### **15.1 Powers**

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the administration of the Secretariat and relations with the Continental Unions and the Member National Federations. The General Secretary shall benefit from the services of a personal secretariat in his/her city of residence.

The General Secretary has the right to represent the IJF towards third parties by way of an express power of attorney given by the President.

### **15.2 Responsibilities**

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the administrative work of the IJF in accordance with the Statutes and regulations and for application of the Decisions of the EC and of the Congress. The General Secretary shall keep close contact with IJF EC members, the Chairpersons of Commissions, the General Secretaries of the Continental Unions and with the Member National Federations.

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the information and the correspondence within the IJF in cooperation with the relevant departments at IJF Headquarters.

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the organization of Congresses and EC meetings. The General Secretary shall establish the agendas for those meetings after consulting the EC.

The General Secretary is responsible for administrative coordination of Headquarters, for sending invitations and regulations for the World Championships and other important events.

In cooperation with the Olympic Games Organizing Committee (OGOC), he/she shall inform the National Federations about the regulations and other technical details of the Olympic Judo Competitions. The General Secretary shall draft the minutes of Congress and EC meetings, together with Key Point Information.

### **15.3 Vacant seat**

In the event the General Secretary is prevented from holding office during his/her term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, his/her office shall be assumed by an EC Member to be appointed by the EC until the next Congress when a new General Secretary will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office.



## Article 16 - General Treasurer

### **16.1 Powers**

The General Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the Treasury of the IJF and shall keep regular accounts, prepare financial statements and draw up the annual finance plan which will be presented for approval at each Congress.

The General Treasurer administers the capital of the IJF and settles its financial obligations. The General Treasurer must be consulted on all financial matters.

The General Treasurer shall explore possibilities of increasing the Treasury of the IJF and shall submit proposals to the EC.

The General Treasurer shall participate in negotiations with IJF official suppliers and shall coordinate with the President the TV rights to the Judo World Championships, as well as the financial aspects related to the Summer Olympic Games. The General Treasurer is also in charge of managing the copyright protecting the IJF emblem.

The General Treasurer has the right to represent the IJF towards third parties by way of an express power of attorney given by the President.

### **16.2 Budget**

All income and expenses must be included in the annual provisional budget as approved by the EC. Any expenses not included in the budget or which have not been approved by the EC shall require prior authorization by the President and the General Treasurer before they are incurred.

### **16.3 Financial position**

For each EC meeting, the General Treasurer shall provide an up-to-date report of the IJF's financial position.

### **16.4 Vacant seat**

In the event the General Treasurer is prevented from holding office during his/her term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, his/her office shall be assumed by an EC Member to be appointed by the EC until the next Congress when a new General Treasurer will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office.

## Article 17 - Technical Directors

### **17.1 Appointment**

The Technical Directors shall be appointed by the EC at the motion of the President from among the Members who were on the President's list and who were elected by the Congress along with the President.

Technical Directors are accountable to the EC and the Congress.

In the event a Technical Director is prevented from holding office during his/her term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, his/her office shall be assumed by an EC Member to be appointed by the EC until the



next Congress when a new Member will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office. The duties entrusted to the EC Member replacing him shall be defined by the EC based on the proposal made by the President.

## **17.2 Sports Director**

The Sports Director shall guide and manage the sporting activities of the IJF.

The Sports Director shall also be responsible for proposing new developments of and changes to the Rules and Regulations of sporting activities, as well as for the improvement of competition systems.

The Sports Director shall be responsible for sporting activity and its development and shall supervise sporting activities.

The Sports Director shall manage the preparations and the course of the competitions with the assistance of other members of the EC and Commission members. The Sports Director shall assume the role of Technical Delegate for the various international judo events organized by other Associations, Federations and Organizations.

The Sports Director shall act as the chairperson of the Sports Commission. The Members of the Sports Commission shall be nominated by the Continental Unions and validated by the EC.

## **17.3 Refereeing Director**

The Refereeing Director shall guide and manage the refereeing activities of the IJF and is responsible for proposing new developments of and changes to the Rules and Regulations regarding the refereeing of judo.

The Refereeing Director shall act as the chairperson of the Refereeing Commission. The Members of the Refereeing Commission shall be nominated by the Continental Unions and validated by the EC.

The Refereeing Director shall appoint the technical directors within his/her scope of authority for the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

## **17.4 Educational Director**

The Educational Director shall guide and manage the educational activities of the IJF and shall be responsible for proposing new developments and changes in the field of judo education.

The Educational Director shall design the annual Educational Plan, including the Olympic Solidarity schedule and shall compile statistics. The Educational Director shall be in charge of studies to further the development of judo.

The Educational Director shall act as chairperson of the Educational Commission. The Members of the Educational Commission shall be nominated by the Continental Unions and validated by the EC.



## Article 18 - Place of performance of IJF Tasks

Administrative tasks shall be performed at the place where the administrative premises are located, known as General Headquarters. The President shall make a proposal to the EC regarding the location of General Headquarters.

All original IJF documents shall be finalized and archived at General Headquarters.

The Bureau and the EC shall meet at the place stated on the notice for the relevant Meeting as chosen by the President.

The operating budget for the various departments at Headquarters shall be set by the EC.

## Article 19 - Events organized and recognized by the IJF

### **19.1 Right to organize**

The right to organize the World Championships and international events will only be granted to those Member National Federations which are able to guarantee entry into their territory of all participants of Member National Federations wishing to participate, particularly by obtaining necessary visas, as well as presenting their emblem and flag and playing their national anthem, particularly during awards ceremonies, and which have proven that they are competent to organize such Championships and events.

Member National Federations must agree to comply with the specifications and all rules applicable to the championship they host.

IJF events are composed of the judo events at the Olympic Games, The World Championships and the tournaments and events recorded on the official IJF Schedule published annually.

### **19.2 Candidacy**

All member National Federations shall have the right to apply as a candidate to organize an IJF event, other than the Olympic Games, the Senior World Championship and the Ordinary Congress. National Federations which are candidates must apply to the General Secretariat as defined in the relevant Regulations.

The EC shall designate the organizer, except for the Olympic Games, the Senior World Championship and the hosting of the Ordinary Congress.

The Congress shall designate the organizing country for the Senior World Championship and the Ordinary Congress.

### **19.3 Candidacy after expiration of deadline for applications**

If there is no candidate to host a particular IJF event scheduled to take place prior to the holding of a Congress, the EC shall appoint the Member National Federation to organize the event.





## **19.4 Application Procedure to organize the Senior World Championship or the IJF Ordinary Congress**

Member National Federations must submit an application to organize the Senior World Championship and/or the IJF Ordinary Congress one hundred and eighty (180) clear days prior to the relevant Congress to the General Secretary who shall forward the applications to all EC Members. The application must contain a file giving a detailed description to support the candidacy. After examining the quality of the applications, the EC shall submit those application files which comply with the specifications to the Congress.

## **19.5 Application procedure to organize all IJF events other than the Olympic Games, the Senior World Championship and the IJF Ordinary Congress**

Member National Federations must submit an application to organize an IJF event within the time limit set by the EC to organize an IJF event other than the Senior World Championship, the IJF Ordinary Congress and the Olympic Games.

The EC shall provide applicant Federations with an answer within the time limits it has set in the Regulations organizing the application procedure.

For each event, the EC shall inform all Member Federations via the IJF website of the specifications for the event, as well as the regulations organizing the application procedure containing the time limit to file applications and to receive an answer from the EC on the application.

## **Article 20 - Spirit of Judo**

Delegations participating in IJF events or in events recognized by the IJF, as well as the organizers of such events must respect the spirit of Judo and the IJF Code of Ethics and behave accordingly.

## **Article 21 - Accounting Period**

The financial, tax and accounting period of the IJF shall start on 1 January and end on 31 December each year.

## **Article 22 - Income and Expenditures**

### **22.1 Resources**

The resources of the IJF shall be derived from the annual membership fees paid by the Member National Federations, TV broadcasting rights, sponsorship agreements, marketing of activities, visuals, merchandise and IJF license fees, investments in moveable and immoveable property, as well as donations and all remittances from other sources.

The IJF may also benefit from contributions in kind, such as equipment and the services of personnel made available by other organizations.

In addition, the IJF shall collect all royalties for participation in and organization of IJF events.



## **22.2 Membership Fees**

The Members of the IJF are liable for the payment of membership fees directly to the IJF. The amount of the membership fees shall be proposed by the IJF EC and submitted to the Congress for approval.

In the event a member of the IJF has not paid its membership fees within the required time limit, the IJF reserves the right to deduct this amount from payments it makes to the Continental Union of the member which has not paid the fees.

## **22.3 Non-payment of membership fees, all other fees, royalties or debts**

A Member Federation whose membership fees or any other fees, royalties or debts to the IJF or Continental Union to which they belong have not been paid by the 31st of May of each year, will not be authorized to take part in the Olympic Games, World Championships or any other event held under the auspices of the IJF.

## **22.4 Olympic Game Profits**

The Continental Unions will receive a percentage, prescribed by the EC, of the net profit (all income minus all expenses of the event) from the Olympic Games and the World Championships. If there are fees or royalties outstanding owed by any Member National Federation or Continental Union, such amount will be deducted from the amounts to be paid by the IJF.

## **22.5 Rights to events**

IJF events are the exclusive property of the IJF, which holds all rights related to such events, including without limitation, all rights related to the organization, exploitation, broadcasting and reproduction of such events by any means whatsoever.

## **22.6 Media rights**

All television, radio, photographic, film, Internet, telephone and other media rights to IJF events known of or unknown of today are the exclusive property of the IJF. These rights may not be sold or negotiated without the written agreement of the EC, which may delegate its powers to negotiate the sale or use of these rights, but which shall retain the sole responsibility for the final decision to sell and for the use of the income from the sale of these rights.

## **22.7 Emblem**

All author's rights (copyright) of the IJF are owned by the IJF. Member National Federations or Continental Unions are authorized to use the emblem only for the purpose of developing judo in their own Federations or Unions.

## **Article 23- Auditing of Accounts**

The General Treasurer shall recommend an international auditing firm to the EC for approval for the purpose of auditing and verifying the IJF accounts.



The General Treasurer shall participate in the auditing process of the IJF accounts organized by the firm appointed. Auditing shall take place for each accounting period just prior to the Congress. The firm appointed may also be instructed by the EC to audit IJF Members using IJF funds.

At the request of the EC, a representative from the auditing firm appointed may attend EC and Congress Meetings.

## **Article 24 - Grades and “dan” Ranks**

### **24.1 Official recognition of grades**

The IJF officially recognizes only those grades and “DAN” ranks which are awarded by the Member National Federations to their own members, to the exclusion of all others. A National Federation may not award a grade and/or a “dan” rank to a member of another Member National Federation or of the nationality of this Federation without the written agreement of that Federation. Any grade or “dan” rank awarded without this agreement will be considered non-valid.

Each Member National Federation is in charge of representing the IJF for the purpose of ensuring compliance with International regulations on grades and “dan” ranks throughout its national territory.

### **24.2 Grade diplomas**

IJF grades and “dan” ranks shall be awarded by the President of the Continental Union where the student originates from.

### **24.3 Amount of Fees**

The amount of fees paid for awarding of grade and “dan” diplomas and for ID Cards shall be set by the EC.

### **24.4 Application procedure**

The awarding of IJF grades and “dan” ranks shall be performed according to the procedure validated by the EC.

From the 1st to the 6th “Dan”, ranks shall be awarded under the responsibility of Member National Federations.

The 7th “Dan” shall be awarded upon the proposal of Member National Federations by the Executive Committees of the Continental Unions, after the opinion of the Continental Grade and “Dan” Rank Director is given.

As of the 8th “Dan”, Ranks shall be awarded by the EC upon the proposal of Member National Federations and after the opinion of the Continental Unions has been given, as well as the opinion of the Grade and “Dan” Rank Commission of the IJF.

## **Article 25 - IJF Honors and Awards**

### **25.1 Outstanding service to the IJF**

The EC may submit a motion to Congress to bestow the title of Honorary President, Honorary Member or Honorary Officer to key persons who have been of outstanding service to the IJF.



## **25.1.1 Procedure**

Nominations for such positions shall be presented by the EC, at the request of Continental Unions and National Federations.

Proposals for IJF Honors and Awards shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretary, to the attention of the EC. The nomination must include all supporting details of the candidate's background and services the candidate has rendered to the field of Judo.

## **25.1.2 Criteria**

Honorary President of the IJF: the candidate must have served as President of the IJF for a term of office of over eight (8) years.

Honorary Officer of the IJF: the candidate must have served as a Member of the IJF EC for a term of office of over eight (8) years.

Honorary Member of the IJF: the candidate must have served as a Member of the IJF EC for a term of office of over four (4) years or as a Member of an IJF Commission or as the President of a National Federation for a term of office of over eight (8) years.

## **25.2 Honorary Attendance**

Honorary Presidents, Honorary Officers and Honorary Members shall have the honor of attending Congresses and other IJF events in this capacity.

## **25.3 Key figures outside of the IJF who have been of outstanding service or have made significant contributions to the IJF**

The EC may bestow awards to key figures or dignitaries who have been of outstanding service or who have made significant contributions to the IJF. Nominations for such awards shall be presented by the EC, the Continental Unions and the National Federations.

The EC shall examine the compliance of such nominations based on the rules for such awards.

## **Article 26 - Amendments to the Statutes**

### **26.1 Procedure**

Amendments to the Statutes must be presented by the EC to the Congress and must be approved by a minimum of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Member National Federations present or represented at the Congress from at least three (3) different Continental Unions.

### **26.2 Date of Application**

Amendments to the Statutes become effective upon approval by the Congress, unless the Congress votes otherwise.



## Article 27 - Specific Regulations

The EC shall establish specific regulations in special fields that are not covered under these Statutes, or that are delegated to the competence of the EC. Regulations for specific operations and departments of the IJF are governed by specific rules proposed by the specific departments, which shall be subject to approval by the EC, in particular:

- 1) Disciplinary Code – IJF Disciplinary Code
- 2) Event Standards – IJF Event Organization Guide
- 3) Finance – IJF Financial Rules
- 4) Ethics – IJF Code of Ethics

As may be required, additional specific rules may be established and submitted to the vote of the EC. The EC shall put the ratification of the decision to adopt or amendment of these specific regulations to the agenda of the next Congress.

## Article 28 - Expulsion, Resignation, Suspension

### **28.1 Grounds**

A National Federation may be suspended or expelled from the IJF on one of the following grounds:

- serious breach or gross negligence, pursuant to a final decision of one of the IJF Discipline Commissions,
- as a result of expulsion from its Continental Union, under the conditions provided for in Article 28.4.

### **28.2 Suspension or expulsion: submission of the case to the Discipline Commission**

**28.2.1** If a National Federation violates the Statutes of the IJF or acts against the legitimate interests, the principles or the objectives of the IJF, the EC may submit the case to the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance and propose to the Commission all measures it deems fit to put an end to the prejudice being caused to the IJF, including by way of restricting or suspending participation in activities or expelling the relevant National Federation.

Suspension applies to all sports, administrative and social activities.

**28.2.2** If an individual member of a Member National Federation of the IJF violates the Statutes of the IJF or acts against the legitimate interests, the principles or the objectives of the IJF, the EC may, after hearing the opinion of the National Federation, the Continental Union or the IJF, submit the case to the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance and propose to the Commission all measures it deems fit to put an end to the prejudice being caused to the IJF, including by way of suspending or expelling the relevant individual member.

**28.2.3** Sanctions may only be laid down after a hearing of a representative of the National Federation or the individual member of the National Federation whose case has been submitted to the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance and/or Appeal under the conditions provided for in Articles 30 and 31.



**28.2.4** The Disciplinary Commission of the first instance and/or Appeal may, however, order suspension as a temporary protective measure prior to the hearing, if the Commission has a strong reason to believe that the National Federation or the individual member of the National Federation concerned will continue or repeatedly engage in misconduct or commit any other offence against the legitimate interests, principles or objectives of the IJF.

These Disciplinary Commissions may also decide that the sanction to suspend or expel is to be immediately enforceable even if the sanction is not yet final.

### **28.3 Expulsion of a Member National Federation**

In compliance with the article 11.1 of the present Statutes, the EC can decide on the expulsion of a member.

The expulsion of a member must be decided by way of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the EC.

### **28.4 Expulsion of a Member Federation by its Continental Union**

All Continental Unions have the right to expel one of their members.

The EC of the Continental Union concerned must comply with the rights of the defense.

The IJF EC should confirm the expulsion under the conditions provided for by the article 28.3.

### **28.5 Relations with dissident organizations or Member Federations which have been suspended**

Member National Federations are prohibited from having sporting relations with organizations which are not IJF Members, unless permission is given by the IJF.

Sporting relations with Member National Federations which have been suspended are likewise prohibited.

Any Member National Federations which violates this provision will immediately be suspended and reported to the Disciplinary Commission, which will take the necessary disciplinary action.

### **28.6 Relations with countries which are not yet IJF Members**

In the interest of developing Judo and raising its technical level in all countries, friendly sporting relations with countries which are not yet members of the IJF are authorized.

However, IJF Members are under the obligation to act cautiously and must verify that the third parties they have relations with and which are not IJF Members have not violated the rules or decisions of the ONC in their country.

## **Article 29 - IJF Court of Arbitration**

### **29.1 Arbitration**

The Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, is the only organism empowered by the IJF to ensure the arbitration between the parties. The provisions of the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration shall apply to the proceedings. CAS shall primarily apply the regulations of IJF and, additionally, Swiss law.

### **29.2 Adherence of IJF Members**

Adherence to the Statutes as a Member of the IJF automatically entails:



- acceptance of the principle to comply with IJF disciplinary system in the event of a dispute falling under its authority;
- waiver of the right to appeal the awards of the Court of Arbitration in the future, other than the right to appeal before the ordinary courts of law.

## Article 30 - Disciplinary Commission of the first instance

### **30.1 Scope of authority**

The Disciplinary Commission of the first instance may lay down the sanctions listed in the IJF Disciplinary Code against IJF Members, legal entities or private individuals directly or indirectly connected to them, athletes, referees and officials.

### **30.2 Composition and operations**

The composition and operations of the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance are described in the Disciplinary Code of the IJF.

## Article 31 - Disciplinary Appeal Commission

### **31.1 Scope of authority**

The Disciplinary Appeal Commission has the authority to decide on appeals filed against the decisions made by the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance of the Member National Federations and Continental Unions.

### **31.2. Composition and operations**

The composition and operations of the Disciplinary Appeal Commission are described in the Disciplinary Code of the IJF.

## Article 32 - Ethics

### **32.1 Ethics Code**

The Ethics Code defines the behavior of the different members of the IJF.

### **32.2 Ethics Committee**

The IJF shall constitute an Ethics Committee charged with ensuring application of the IJF Ethics Code and adherence to rules for ethics, morals, and prevention and management of conflicts of interest, as per its regulations annexed hereto.

## Article 33- Rights related to the IJF events (IOC text-original in English)

**33.1** The IJF exclusively owns and controls all commercial rights in and to all the competitions recorded on the official IJF Schedule ("Commercial Rights"), such Commercial Rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

- (a) audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these statutes);



- (b) sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;
- (c) ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and
- (d) other rights to commercialize the competitions recorded on the official IJF Schedule (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorize the taking of bets on the competitions recorded on the official IJF Schedule).

**33.2** The IJF shall be entitled to exploit the Commercial Rights in such manner as it considers appropriate, including granting licenses in respect of the same or part thereof to its Members or other third party(ies) (each an "Exploiting Body") from time to time.

**33.3** Each body provided for in Article 33.2 shall, and shall ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates shall:

- (a) comply with any and all rules, regulations and/or guidelines in relation to the exploitation of the Commercial Rights which may be issued from time to time by or on behalf of the IJF; and
- (b) provide such rights, facilities and services as are required to enable (as relevant) the IJF and/or the relevant Exploiting Body to fulfill their obligations under any arrangements for the exploitation of any of the Commercial Rights and shall not by any act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted thereunder or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur. Nevertheless, only the IJF may assert its rights on application of this rule against a [Member] and no third party shall be entitled to do so.

## Article 34 - Dissolution

34.1 The IJF may not be dissolved except by way of a Congress especially convened for this purpose and at a motion carried by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

34.2 The dissolution of the association is governed by Hungarian law.

## Article 35 – Documents and languages

35.1 If an official document is written in multiple languages, the legally valid language of writing must be indicated.





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